

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of the Air Force (DAF) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed optimization of the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) to support aircrew training. The Draft EIS is available on the project website at www.PRTCairspaceEIS.com.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action includes: (1) improvements to the airspace structure at PRTC to address shortfalls in day-to-day training for aircrews from Ellsworth and Minot Air Force Bases and (2) increasing Large Force Exercise capability at PRTC to meet threats to National Security. The PRTC airspace overlies portions of South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.

Public Comments

The DAF is soliciting comments on the analyses and methodologies in the Draft EIS. Written comments can be submitted at in-person public meetings, online at the project website (www.PRTCairspaceEIS.com), or by mailing to: PRTC Airspace EIS, c/o Stantec, 501 Butler Farm Rd., Suite H, Hampton, VA 23666. Please submit comments by **September 8, 2026** to ensure sufficient time for consideration in the Final EIS. The Final EIS and the Record of Decision will be published on the project website.

In-Person Meetings

In-person public meetings are being held in each state as identified below. All meetings will include an open house session from **4:30 – 5:30 pm (local time)** where DAF representatives will be available to answer questions about the Draft EIS. The presentation will begin at **5:30 pm**. The public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments on the Draft EIS following the presentation.

Monday, August 17, 2026

Bowman County Fairgrounds – West Wing
12 Highway 12 E, Bowman, ND 58623

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Crook County School District Gymnasium
122 State Highway 585, Sundance, WY 82729

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Baker Senior Center
420 West Montana Ave, Baker, MT 59313

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Western Dakota Technical College Event Center
800 Mickelson Dr, Rapid City, SD 57703

Virtual Meeting

Virtual Meeting: A virtual meeting will be held at 5:30 pm (Mountain Daylight Time) on **August 25, 2026**. Please visit the project website to register for the virtual meeting, www.PRTCairspaceEIS.com. The virtual meeting will include a presentation followed by an opportunity for the public to provide verbal comments on the Draft EIS.